

County Correspondence.

The DeSoto County News wants the news of every section of the county, and requests everyone in each locality to send us a news letter every week. No matter how few items can be

gathered some weeks by you, send them anyway. If your section is left out, it will be because you have no one interested enough to represent it.

PALMDALE.

Simon Peregrine arrived home Monday from an extended trip to Orlando. He came through in a Ford, which he purchased while away.

Amos McNamee made a trip to La Belle Monday after a load of oil for H. L. DeLaney.

L. Ross, resident manager of the Palmdale Land Company, made a business trip to LaBelle Wednesday.

Frank Weaver and Grant Ridenour went down to LaBelle Wednesday on business.

Lester Beneke made a trip to LaBelle last week after a load of citrus trees for C. Stein.

H. L. DeLaney made two trips to Lakeport the past week.

E. J. Mansfield, postoffice inspector, of St. Petersburg, was in town Thursday on business.

H. D. Townsley arrived Sunday from his home in Natchez, Canada, to visit his sister, Mrs. H. L. DeLaney, and brother, R. E. Townsley, of Fort Myers.

The following guests were registered at the Palmdale this week: A. T. Jensen, Effingham, Ill.; Levi Anderson, Wisconsin; E. J. Mansfield, St. Petersburg; Fred J. Lindenberg, Jamesport, Mo.; Mr. Miller, Junction City, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dazey spent Saturday and Sunday in Palmdale. The young people will give a George Washington entertainment at the school house Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ross and children motored to Fort Myers Thursday, returning Friday.

A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized here, and several good meetings have been held. Meetings every Sunday evening at 7 p. m.

Jack Krentler visited at the Tibbitts home near Venus Sunday.

D. M. Bullard is suffering from a very sore hand, caused by trying to crank a motor boat engine.

Dr. Thrall left Thursday for a visit to Fort Myers and other points.

Ethel Wisner is able to be out again on crutches.

Grant Ridenour and family moved into town last week and are occupying the Howen house.

Lester Beneke entertained several of his boy friends last Tuesday evening in honor of his 18th birthday.

THE RED HILLS.

Mr. Ceylon Carlton made a trip to Lakeport last week and was highly pleased with the fine gardens he saw down there on the banks of the big lake.

This part of the county is fast changing from the old homestead section, as now one can see signs tacked up of land for sale, and we venture to say there will shortly be quite a real estate boom, as the different homesteaders prove up and want to sell a part of their land.

Mr. Littleton Eures and Mr. Thomas Taylor have returned to the Red Hills from a trip to Bartow. They report the roads as being in very bad shape.

Mr. Robert Eures and Mr. Jay Baird are starting a large nursery at the rough lemon stock, and Mr. Baird has located at the Red Hills permanently, and his brother whom he expects from Kansas soon, will begin the improving of about forty acres of land.

Hon. James Carlton is at present away from his Red Hills home in the northern part of the county, surveying.

Tuesday of last week a wagon train passed through our section loaded with lumber, iron roofing and other building material, bound for the southern end of the Red Hills, near what is called Bald Hill, where several settlers will soon locate. This building material is the property of Mr. McNeill, of Kuhlman. He is building a store, and will soon be able to supply the whole section with the necessities of life. The location is an ideal one, being midway between Venus and the Silver Lakes. We wish for him grand success in his new enterprise.

Mr. Hammer is making extensive improvements on his homestead, and will soon erect a house, which will make another family added to our beautiful lake section.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Holloway, of Chicago, who are visiting his brother near Buck Lake, called on Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Collins, of Highland View, one day last week. They are delighted with our section of the country, Mr. Holloway expressing himself that when we get transportation we will have one of the most healthy and beautiful sections of Florida.

NOCATEE.

Miss Ethel Garner entertained the Wesleyan Bible Class Monday evening at her home with a Washington party. The evening's entertainment consisted

of games and tests suitable for the occasion. One very interesting feature of the evening was finishing cutting the tree that Washington started. The first prize, a beautiful glass hatchet, was won by Mrs. Estelle Lewis. The booby was won by Mr. Ralph Dyett. Another contest was making the most words out of the name "Washington." Mr. John Penick won the prize, which was a small Washington hat. Mr. Will Kelly won the booby prize. Several other games were played. Then the guests were invited into the dining room, where a delicious salad course and hot chocolate was served. Punch was served by Misses Grace Montgomery and Odessa Reynolds. Miss Garner was assisted in entertaining her guests by Mrs. A. E. Harner, Miss Eva Stillwell and Miss Mae Gillette. The following guests were present: Miss Lena Whidden, of Punta Gorda; Mrs. Estelle Lewis, of Arcadia; Miss Flossie Reynolds, Miss Katie Carlton, Miss Nellie Andrews, Miss Courtney Wilson, Miss Claude Reynolds, Miss Hazelle Jones, Miss Garnetta McCormick, Miss Ellen Smith, Miss Mae Gillette, Miss Eva Stillwell, Miss Belle Howell, Miss Audrey Freeman, Miss Clara Montgomery, Mrs. E. A. Garner, Messrs. Albert Dazey, Rollie Montgomery, C. L. Smith, Vernon Hurt, Ed. Surrency, Frank Mount, B. E. McGinnis, Roy Erskine, A. W. Coleman, Fount Kelly, Adrien Walker, Royce Carlton, Sammie Smith, John Penick, Arthur Freeman, E. E. Smith, Ralph Dyett, Thurston E. Jones, Will Kelly, Herbert Owen, E. A. Garner, L. R. Horton.

Miss Lena Whidden, of Punta Gorda, and Mrs. Estelle Lewis, of Arcadia, were the guests of Miss Ethel Garner several days this week.

Mr. Clyde Session, of Arcadia, was here Sunday visiting relatives.

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The family of Mr. R. M. Faulk moved the early part of the week to Bartow, where Mr. Faulk has accepted a position.

JOSHUA CREEK.

Quite a number of people are sick in this community at present—just bad colds is the general complaint.

Mr. Louis McClenithan has been sick for a week with fever, but at last reports he was recovering.

Mr. R. H. Kimball has taken cold and we are sorry to state has had spells of asthma, from which we hope he will soon recover with our Florida sunshine. Mrs. Kimball is very much better since coming here.

Mrs. M. M. Morgan has been suffering for some time, and is under careful medical treatment. His condition, we are sorry to state, is somewhat critical.

Mr. Ben Goodwin was in Arcadia on business Monday, and is making arrangements to leave for a visit to California.

Mrs. Goodwin and little son, Clifford, will leave shortly for a visit with her folks in Kansas, prior to going to California. They made many friends here who will regret their departure.

Miss Mary McBride has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mickler, north of Arcadia.

We are glad to learn Master Alex Whidden, who is taking treatment for rheumatism in Arcadia, is improving nicely.

Mrs. F. E. Parker and Mrs. J. B. Kimball called on Mrs. T. O. Parker Saturday.

Mr. T. O. Parker is having great improvements remodeling the Parker home, and no doubt it will be one of the handsomest residences in our section when completed.

Benjamin F. Greer, of Grassmere, New Hampshire, brother of Mrs. R. H. Kimball, and Mrs. Charles George has been visiting in this section, and was a guest of Mrs. H. P. Tucker on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, of Chicago, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Prouty, at Olive Place.

Mrs. Martha Cook, an esteemed lady who has been visiting her son, Mr. D. Cook and family, died last Friday night of heart failure. Mrs. Cook had made many friends since coming to this community, who will mourn her death. Mrs. Cook was 84 years of age the day of her death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. F. Walker, of Huntington, Va., and the remains were taken to Arcadia and expressed to Geneva, Nebraska, her home, for interment. Her granddaughter, Miss Neva Cook, accompanied the remains on the trip.

Rev. Walker, of Huntington, Va., is a guest of his father-in-law, Mr. Tom Parker, this week.

Alek Whidden, the son of Mr. Abriel Whidden, who has been in Arcadia for several weeks being treated for rheumatism, is greatly improved, and returned home last week.

Abriel Whidden, Jr., had the mis-

MILLINERY OPENING

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Friday and Saturday

Feb. 26th and 27th. The styles for this season are varied and

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The ladies of Arcadia and vicinity are most cordially invited to come and see

MRS. M. DANCY

fortune to have his arm broken last week.

Dr. Simmons, of Arcadia, was called Wednesday to the home of Mr. Frank Hutchinson to attend his little daughter, who we regret to learn is very ill.

BUCK LAKE.

Miss Clara Shumard returned home after a two weeks' visit among her friends around Kuhlman. Her cheery, pleasing manner made her a good many friends, who very much regret her leaving.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Holloway are returning north by way of Arcadia, and will spend a few days at the Olive place, the beautiful home of Mrs. Syd Holloway's mother and father.

Out here on the hills and among the lakes there seems to be a spirit of contentment and harmony among all. Work and play go hand in hand, and so the spirit of improvement does not wane. A picnic was held at Lakeview, the home of Ed. Goodwin. The night previous about eighteen of the party stayed up all night setting trot lines, and talk about times! Well, I guess the echoes of the jollity were heard all along the shores of beautiful Lake Grassy. The ladies stayed up to provide luncheon for the hungry fishermen, and they were well repaid for all the trouble. Mr. Goodwin made three trips over the lake during the day with his launch, and all who rode with him came back to the quaint boat landing with many words of praise and thanks for the delightful ride. There were over forty at the midday meal, and the spread was truly a bountiful and appetizing one.

Messrs. Sullivan, Hope and son have just returned from a week's stay at Lakeport. They returned with two fine oxen and a new pony, and report fishing as being so good that others are planning a week's outing to get some of the big catches they report about Lake Okeechobee. I guess the oxen do not like our praise for they broke away from Mr. Hope while making a trip to Arcadia, but he managed to bring them safely home.

BERMONT.

Mr. Ed. Stoll was in Arcadia several days during the week on legal business.

Mr. Ed. Edmunds was a business caller in Arcadia on Tuesday.

Messrs. Burke and Aldridge drove to Arcadia on Tuesday and brought out M. Smith's household goods.

M. McQuade was an Arcadia and Punta Gorda visitor during the week. Still it rains in Bermont.

A little European war arises in our village now and then.

The tramway is within one mile of our township. We are promised railroad transportation soon.

Sheriff Dishong made one of those unpleasant visits to our township on Saturday. Nuf sed.

Mr. E. E. Bailey was a caller at the News office on Wednesday.

Mr. Keith drove to Arcadia on Wednesday.

Mr. Hoffman and son, Rex, of Arcadia, are spending a few days in Bermont with home folks.

We understand a new bride has arrived in Bermont and will leave one less bachelor. We will refrain from giving names until we get correct data.

DAMAGED ALLIES' FLEET.

Constantinople, Feb. 22.—It is officially announced that three British and French war ships were badly damaged by forts at the western end of the Dardanelles during the bombardment Friday. The allies' flagship had to be towed away.

GERMAN SUBMARINE REPORTED SUNK.

Copenhagen, Feb. 23.—A German submarine is reported to have struck a mine off Munday last night.

AVON PARK

DEPARTMENT

S. F. TUCKER, Editor

All communications for this department should be handed to Mr. Tucker. Send subscriptions, advertisements and job work to the editor of this department.

Contractors Smith & Fabor have the foundations in for the Whidden block, and the brick will be commenced at once.

W. O. Feagen has a force at work on his water system for the town. He has a well 400 feet deep. We are to have pure water, and in any quantities for all purposes.

A special meeting of Poinciana Lodge, F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday evening. Work in first and second degrees. A school of instruction will be held in Avon Park in March, the date not yet fixed.

The street committee has been busy for several weeks opening up the streets of the Park, to the town limits. The tax payers do not object to this expense for town improvement.

Hon. J. Skipper and Miss Marie Calahan, of Punta Gorda, motored to the Park Saturday. They spent Sunday here and returned Monday.

Rev. McDowd conducted the services at the church in Shady Grove Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid will give a supper at the church parlors Monday.

The young people met at Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson's for a candy pulling last week. A very pleasant time they had.

A surprise was given Miss F. Hart last week. A large party of the young people were present, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Mrs. Grover Langford charmingly entertained the C. C. Club at Mrs. Pelto's home Thursday afternoon. All members were present, and progressive 500 was played. Mrs. Norton Smith assisted the hostess in serving most delicious refreshments. The club will meet March 2nd with Mr. D. Canfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lanier and Mr. and Mrs. William Sheffield gave a most delightful Valentine party. The hostesses were charming in Martha Washington gowns. Mrs. Lanier posed as chef, and did her part well. Mrs. E. B. Godwin was pleasing as

Priscilla. There were other pretty and interesting costumes. Games and music furnished diversion for the guests. Mrs. George Wells carried off the prize in the guessing contest. Delicious refreshments were served at a late hour. Every one went home declaring the party a great social success.

The ladies of the Civic League will hold a meeting in the council room February 25th at 3 p. m.

The ladies of the Temperance Union will give a social at Mrs. Woodruff's on Tuesday evening at 7:30, March 2. Every one is invited. Come and have a good time.

Mr. John Barker, who formerly lived in the place on the north side of Lake Verona, now owned by S. D. Lee, and who for several years has been superintendent of a silk mill in Gloversville, N. Y., is going to France as manager of a silk factory there. With him will go Mrs. Barker, his two sons and his son-in-law.

GROWERS AND PACKERS

Aroused to Discuss and Organize the State to Protect the Citrus Industry.

We hope to have the greatest mass meeting ever held in the state at the court house in this city Saturday, February 27th, at 2 p. m.

Come prepared to discuss and hear discussed: How to Increase the Demand and Get Living Prices for Citrus Fruits; How to Abolish the Auction System; How to Annihilate the Third Middleman; How to Secure Righteous Laws to Protect the Citrus Industry, and any other questions of interest to the grower and packer. (Signed)

E. PROUTY,
THOMAS PARKER,
T. B. KING,
C. W. CARLTON,
DAVID SCOTT,
HENRY LANGFORD,
W. M. SMOKE,
A. B. WILLIFORD,
R. M. LOCK,
FRANK WELLS,

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